

# *Announcements*

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❑ EXAMs will be returned at the END of class today!

❑ Homework for tomorrow...

Ch. 29: CQ 4 & 5, Probs. 6, 12, & 44

❑ Office hours...

MW 10-11 am

TR 9-10 am

F 12-1 pm

❑ Tutorial Learning Center (TLC) hours:

MTWR 8-6 pm

F 8-11 am, 2-5 pm

Su 1-5 pm

# Chapter 29

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## Potential & Field

*(Sources of Electric Potential & Finding  
the Electric Field from the Potential)*

# Review...

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- *Electric potential difference from the Electric field...*

$$\Delta V = - \int_i^f \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s}$$

$d\vec{s}$  = infinitesimal displacement  
 $\vec{E}$  = Electric field

- *Graphically:*

- $\Delta V$  = negative of the area under the  $E$  vs.  $s$  curve between  $s_i$  &  $s_f$

- *Emf of the battery is the work done per charge.*

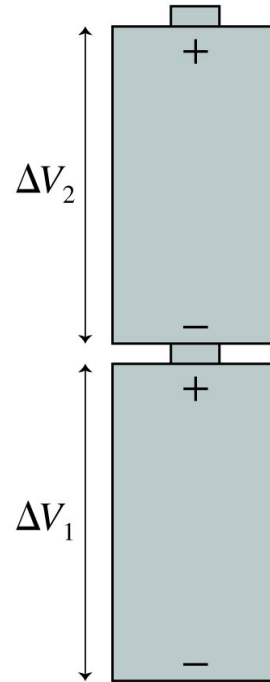
$$\Delta V_{bat} = \frac{W_{chem}}{q} = \mathcal{E}$$

# Batteries and emf

Q: What is the *potential difference* of two batteries in series?

- A: The *sum* of their terminal voltages.

$$\Delta V_{series} = \Delta V_1 + \Delta V_2 + \dots$$



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## 29.3:

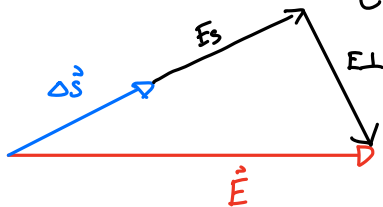
# Finding the $E$ -field from the Potential

Calculate the *potential difference* between points  $i$  and  $f$ ...

- over small distances  $\Delta s$ , the  $\vec{E}$ -Field constant....

- The work done by the Force

$$W = \vec{F} \cdot \Delta \vec{s} = q \vec{E} \cdot \Delta \vec{s}$$



$$V = q E_s \Delta s$$

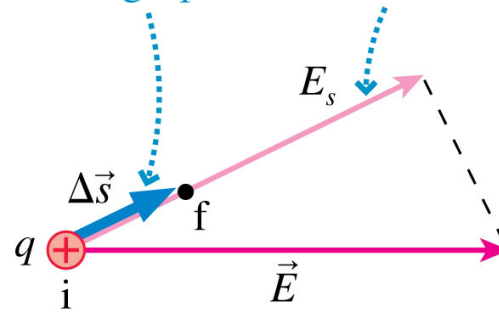
$$q E_s \Delta s = -\Delta U$$

$$\Delta U = q \Delta V \quad \therefore -E_s \Delta s = \Delta V$$

$$E_s = \frac{-\Delta V}{\Delta s}$$

A very small displacement of charge  $q$

$E_s$ , the component of  $\vec{E}$  in the direction of motion, is essentially constant over the small distance  $\Delta s$ .



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$$\Delta s_{\text{Limit}} = \frac{-dV}{ds}$$

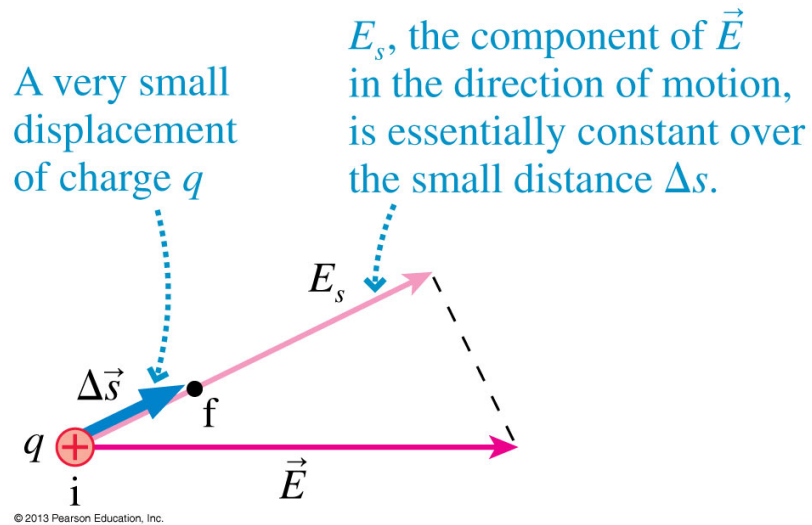
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# Finding the $E$ -field from the Potential

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$$E_s = -\frac{dV}{ds}$$

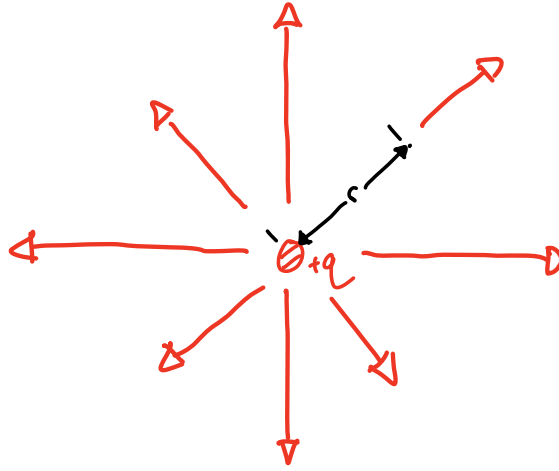
Component of  $E$ -field  
in the  $s$  direction!



# Finding the $E$ -field from the Potential

i.e. Calculate the  $E$ -field of a point charge from the *electric potential*...

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$$V = \frac{kQ}{r}$$

Symmetry requires

$$E = \frac{dV}{dr}$$

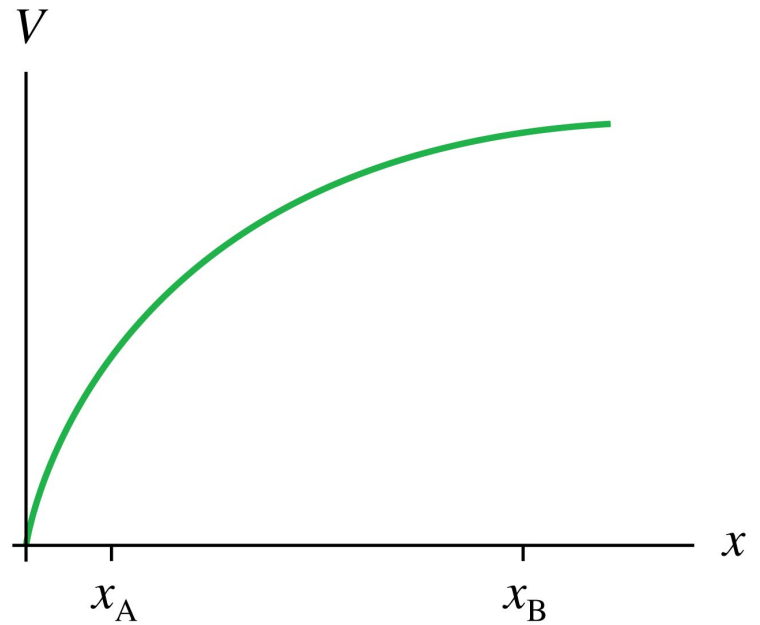
$$= \frac{d}{dr} \left( \frac{kQ}{r} \right) = -kQ \frac{d}{dr} r^{-1}$$

$$= \frac{kQ}{r^2}$$

## Quiz Question 1

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At which point is the  $E$ -field stronger?



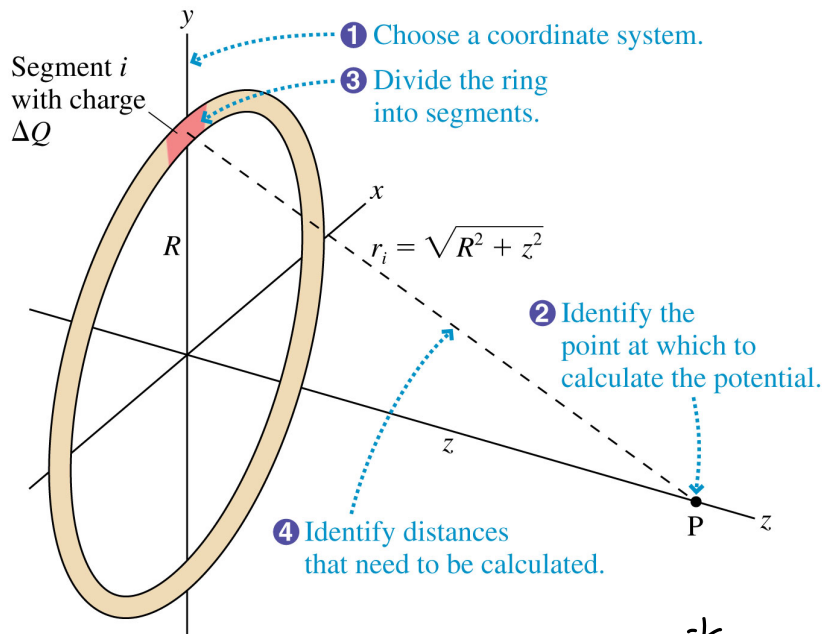
- 1. At  $x_A$ .
- 2. At  $x_B$ .
- 3. The field is the same strength at both.
- 4. There's not enough information to tell.



i.e. 29.3

# The $E$ -field of a ring of charge

i.e. Calculate the  $E$ -field (on axis) of a ring of charge from the electric potential...



$$V_{ring} = \frac{KQ}{\sqrt{z^2 + R^2}}$$

$$dV_R = \frac{KQ}{\sqrt{z^2 + R^2}}$$

$$(z^2 + R^2)^{-1/2}$$

$$-\frac{1}{2} (z^2 + R^2)^{-3/2} \cdot 2z$$

$$(-KQ) \frac{-z}{(z^2 + R^2)^{3/2}}$$

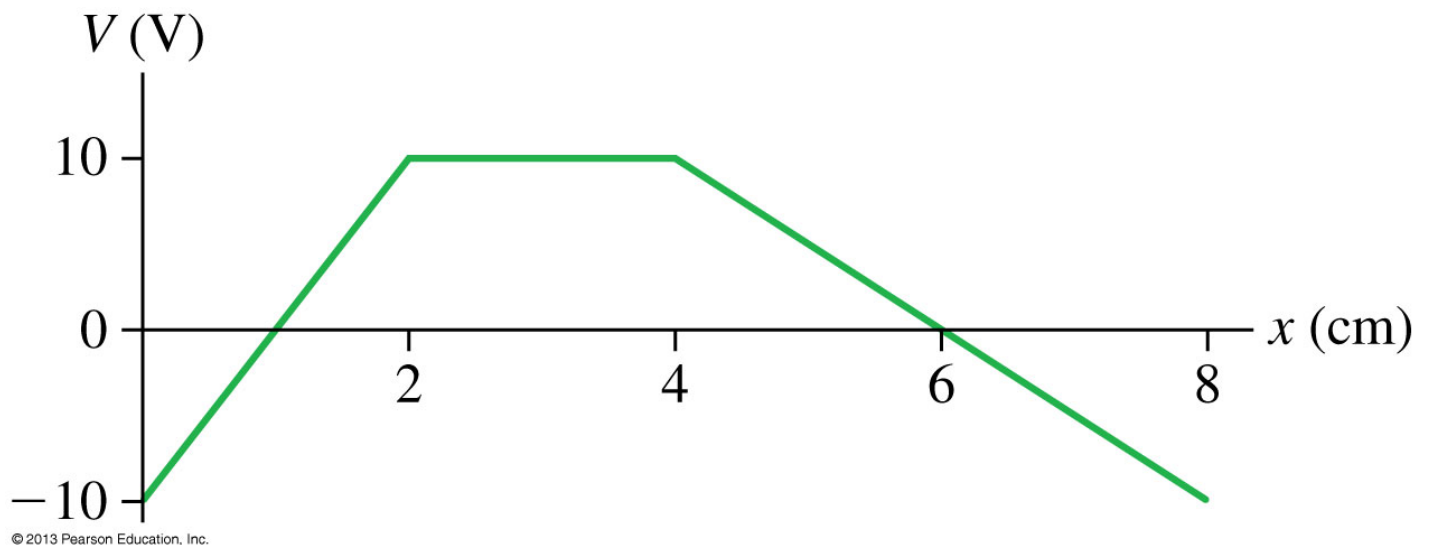
$$= \frac{KQz}{(z^2 + R^2)^{3/2}}$$

i.e. 29.4

## Finding $E$ from the slope of $V$

The figure below is a graph of the electric potential in a region of space where  $E$  is parallel to the  $x$ -axis.

Draw a graph of  $E_x$  versus  $x$ .



$$0 \text{ cm} < x < 2 \text{ cm}$$

$$\frac{\Delta V}{\Delta x} = \frac{20 \text{ V}}{2 \times 10^{-2} \text{ m}} = 1000 \text{ V/m}$$
$$E_x = -1000 \text{ V/m}$$

$$2 \text{ cm} < x < 4 \text{ cm}$$

$$E_x = 0 \text{ V/m}$$

$$4 \text{ cm} < x < 8 \text{ cm}$$

$$\frac{\Delta V}{\Delta x} = \frac{-20 \text{ V}}{4 \times 10^{-2} \text{ m}} = -500 \text{ V/m}$$

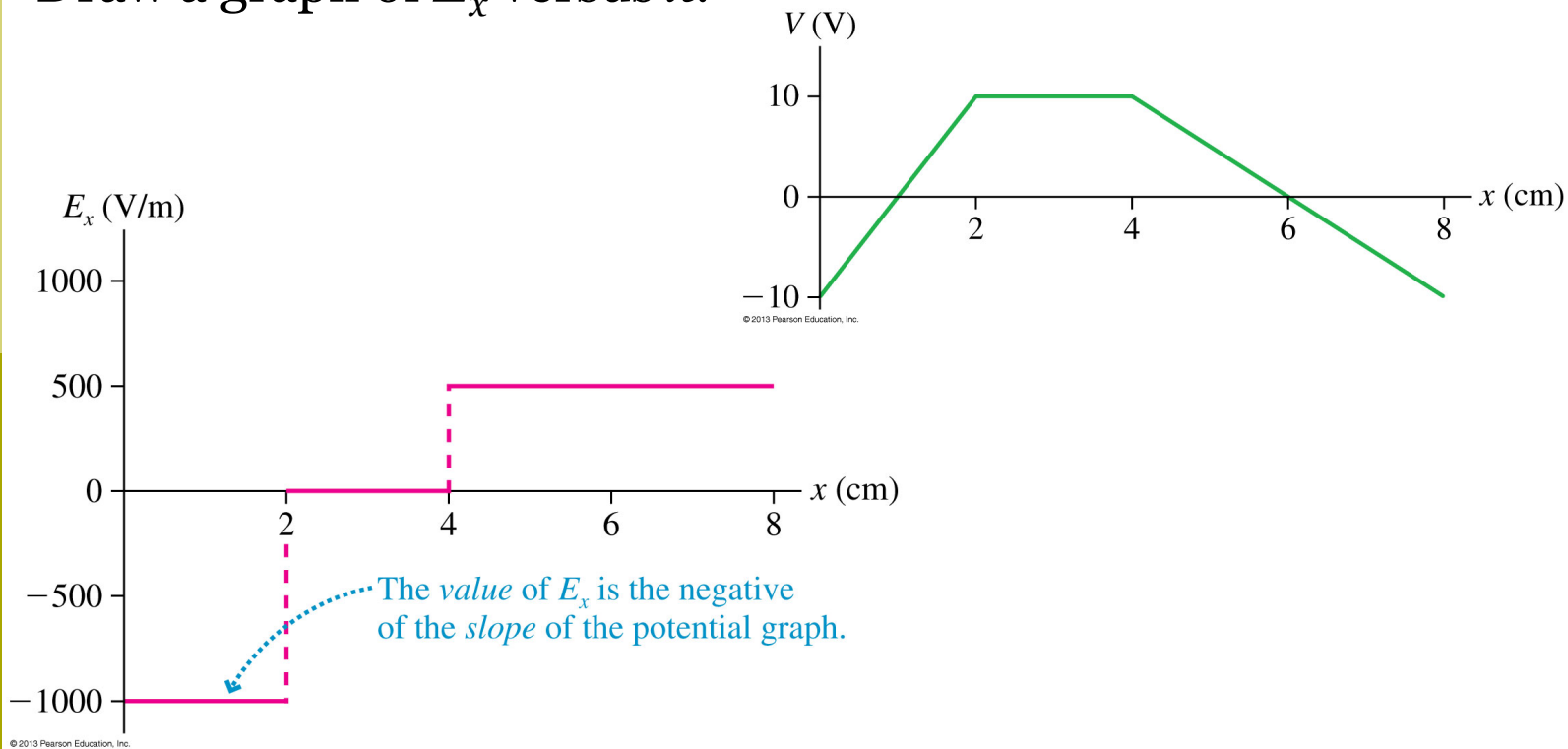
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# The Geometry of Potential and Field

Consider two *equipotential* surfaces, with  $V_+$  positive relative to  $V_-$  ...

Notice:  $\Delta \vec{s}_1$  is tangent to  $V_-$   
 $\therefore \Delta V \therefore \vec{E}$  tangent to Equipotential  
 line is zero

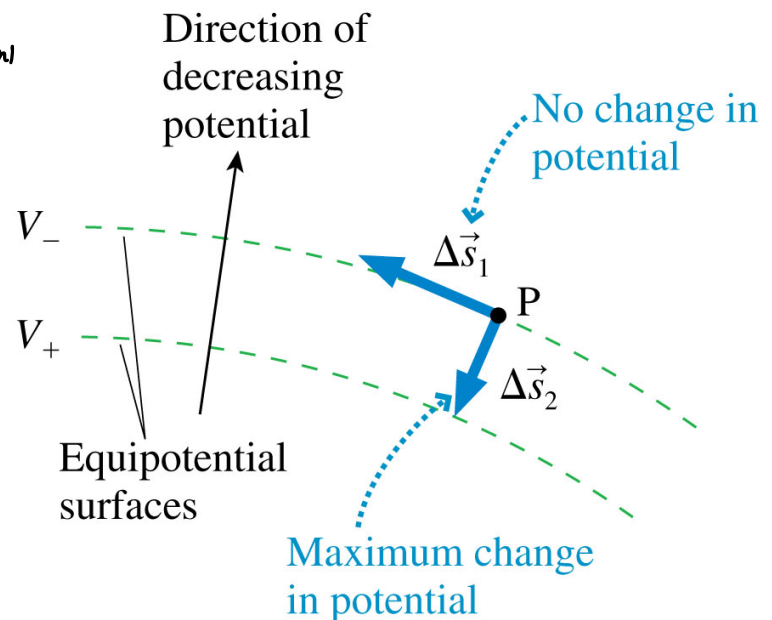
$$E_{\parallel} = 0$$

$$E_{\perp} = \frac{-\partial V}{\partial s_{\perp}} = - \left( \frac{V_+ - V_-}{\Delta s_{\perp}} \right)$$

$$V_+ > V_- , \quad V_+ - V_- > 0$$

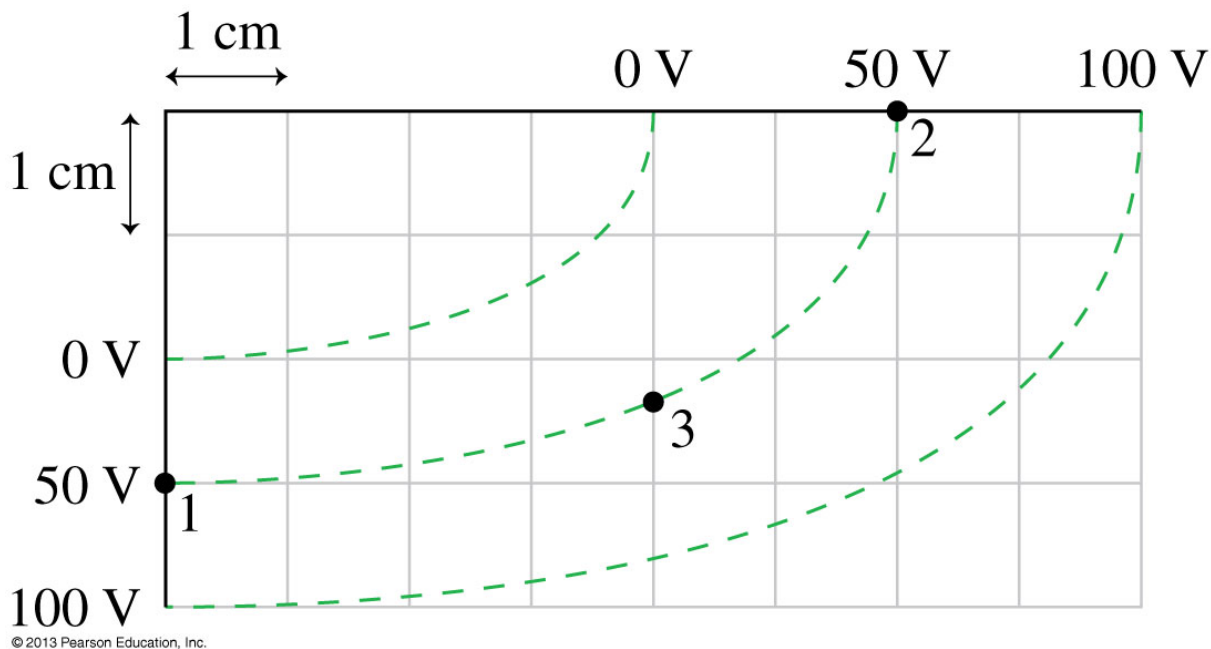
Notice:

- $E$  is *perpendicular* to the *equipotential* surfaces and points “downhill” in direction of *decreasing* *potential*.



## i.e. 29.5: Finding the $E$ -field from the equipotential surfaces

Estimate the *strength* and *direction* of the  $E$ -field at pts. 1, 2, & 3.



$$\frac{\Delta V_2}{\Delta s} = \frac{100 \text{ V}}{4 \times 10^{-2} \text{ m}} = 2,500 \text{ V/m}$$

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